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MAYOR

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MINUTES
BERWYN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 24, 2004

1) The regular meeting of the Berwyn City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m., with Mayor Shaughnessy presiding. Upon the call of the roll, the following members responded present: Chapman, A. Bojovic, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Absent: none. Thereafter, the Chair declared a quorum present and the meeting duly convened for further business.

2) The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Mayor called for a moment of silence for the betterment of the community and for the safe return of all our service people overseas and for former Alderman John Cox and for the quick recovery of Jim Kraus and Lori DiMenna.

3) The open forum portion of the meeting was announced. Paul and Joan Hruby, 2135 Wesley, both spoke on the conditions of the building at 26th and Wesley (former Police Station); Attorney Brian Fornek spoke about the property at 6412 W. 28th Street, seeking advice on the sale of the property.

4) The minutes of the Berwyn City Council meeting held on February 10, 2004, were submitted. After discussion, B. Bojovic made a motion, seconded by A. Bojovic, to amend the minutes. The motion was denied by the following roll call: Yeas: A. Bojovic, B. Bojovic. Nays: Chapman, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato.

Thereafter, Lovero made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: A. Bojovic, B. Bojovic.

5) The bids for the Management of the Berwyn Police Department's Parking Violation Department and Local Adjudication System were presented. Brocato made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to authorize the Finance Director and any other interested parties to proceed to the conference room to open, tabulate and return same to the council chambers for public reading. The motion carried by voice vote.

6) The Mayor submitted a Proclamation proclaiming February 17, 2004, as Angela Provenzano Day in Berwyn. Fron made a motion, which was unanimously seconded to adopt the Proclamation as presented. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, A. Bojovic, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none.

7) The Mayor submitted a Proclamation proclaiming March 2, 2004, as Seussapalooza Day in Berwyn. Lovero made a motion, seconded by Brocato, to adopt the Proclamation as presented. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, A. Bojovic, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none.

8) The Clerk submitted the minutes of the Special Council meeting on the City of Berwyn's Financial Report for the year 2002 (audit).

Lovero made a motion, seconded by Brocato, to waive the reading and accept the matter as informational. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, A. Bojovic, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none.

9) The Public Works Committee submitted a communication recommending that the sidewalks, curbs and gutter repairs be awarded to Strada construction at \$112,050.00, the lowest bidder. Fron made a motion, seconded by Pechota to concur in the recommendation. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, A. Bojovic, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none.

10) The Public Works Committee submitted a communication recommending that A.K. Underground be awarded the contract for the City's sewer cleaning program at \$31,925.00. Fron made a motion, seconded by Brocato, to concur in the recommendation. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, A. Bojovic, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none.

11) The Public Works Committee submitted a communication recommending that the contract for Ogden Avenue landscaping be awarded to Franks Creative Landscaping, the lowest bidder at \$3,100.00 per month. Fron made a motion, seconded by Pechota, to concur in the recommendation. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, A. Bojovic, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none.

12) The Public Works Committee submitted a communication recommending that Franks Creative Landscaping, the lowest bidder, be awarded the contract for the Depot District Landscaping at \$1,400.00 per month. Fron made a motion, seconded by Pechota, to concur in the recommendation. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, A. Bojovic, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none.

13) Alderman Lovero submitted the Payables and Payroll report for February 24, 2004, in the total amount of \$1,750,121.36. Lovero made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to approve for payment. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, A. Bojovic, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none.

14) Alderman Fron submitted a communication regarding privatization of the Building Department. After discussion, Fron made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to concur and make this communication germane to his previously submitted communication dated September 15, 2003. The motion carried by voice vote.

15) Alderman Fortunato submitted a communication requesting a moratorium on nail salons. Fortunato made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to amend said communication to include dollar/variety stores. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, Pechota, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: A. Bojovic, B. Bojovic, Brocato.

16) The Mayor's Advisory committee submitted a Resolution resolving that it shall be the policy of the City of Berwyn to implement and adhere to those recommendations set forth by the Mayoral Advisory

Committee. At this time, the Mayor allowed Brian White of the Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities, Maria Gonzalez, Berwyn resident and Father Richard Prendergast of St. Mary of Celle to congratulate the Mayor's Advisory Council and the City Council for their quick response in their efforts to resolve these issues. Lovero made a motion, seconded by Fortunato, to concur in the recommendation and adopt the Resolution as presented. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, A. Bojovic, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none,.

17) Alderman A. Bojovic submitted a communication regarding his perspective on his and B. Bojovic's boycott of the Gazette Newspaper. Thereafter, the Mayor allowed Ms. Kathy Craig, a local business woman to voice her views about the boycott and about the Aldermen. The Mayor stated that the Bojovic's action were of their own volition and that they did not act on the City's behalf or with the City's approval. A. Bojovic made a motion, seconded by B. Bojovic, to accept the matter as informational. The motion carried by voice vote.

18) Alderman Chapman submitted a communication requesting a handicapped parking sign for Paul Ryan, 3623 Maple Avenue. After discussion, Chapman made a motion, seconded by Lovero, to concur in the recommendation and authorize the Public Works Department to install said sign. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, A. Bojovic, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none.

19) A deferred communication was submitted by the Berwyn Police Department requesting a handicapped parking sign for Sue Scavo, 1216 Ridgeland Avenue. Fortunato made a motion, seconded by Pechota, to concur in the recommendation of the investigating officer and deny said sign. The motion carried by voice vote.

20) The Director of Finance H/R, submitted the 2002 Audit. Because this matter was voted on at a special City Council meeting held on February 19, 2004, the matter was rendered moot by Order of the Chair.

21) The Berwyn Police Department submitted a communication requesting a handicapped sign for Emma Gonzalez, 1934 Harvey Avenue. Brocato made a motion, seconded by Pechota, to defer the matter. The motion carried by voice vote.

22) The Director of Public Safety submitted a communication requesting authorization to enter into a purchase/lease from the lowest bidder for a Seagrave Patriot 100' Aerial Ladder. After discussion, Brocato made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to refer the matter to the Budget Committee. The motion carried by voice vote.

23) The Law Department submitted notification of written orders entered at the conclusion of Liquor License hearing proceedings. B. Bojovic made a motion, seconded by A. Bojovic, to accept the matter as informational. The motion carried by voice vote.

24) The Director of Public Works submitted a communication recommending that the Cermak Road Maintenance contract be rebid. After discussion, Fron made a motion, seconded by Pechota, to concur in the recommendation. The motion carried by voice vote.

25) The Building Director submitted a communication regarding the Berwyn Condominiums, 6647 W. 26th Street, citing recommendations to expedite said project. After discussion, Pechota made a motion, seconded by Brocato, to refer the matter to the Committee of the Whole. The motion carried by voice vote.

26) The Director of Public Works submitted a Resolution relative to the widening of the East Avenue Project, Phase III. After discussion, Fron made a motion, seconded by Pechota, to waive the reading, adopt the Resolution as presented and authorize the appropriate corporate authorities to affix their signatures thereto. The motion carried by the following roll call: Yeas: Chapman, A. Bojovic, B. Bojovic, Pechota, Brocato, Fron, Lovero, Fortunato. Nays: none.

27) At this time, the Consent Agenda, item K-1 was presented.

K-1 Metro Towing Service-January, 2004, \$3,000.00

Lovero made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to accept the matter as informational. The motion carried by voice vote.

28) The bids for the Management of Parking Violations and Adjudication were returned to the council chambers for public reading. Brocato made a motion, seconded by Chapman, to refer the matter to the Fire and Police Committee. The motion carried by voice vote.

29) The Mayor called a Committee of the Whole meeting for Monday, March 15, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. on referrals with the BDC and also for Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., on referrals.

30) Alderman Brocato called a Fire and Police Committee meeting for Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. on referrals.

31) Alderman Lovero called a joint Budget and Administration Committee meeting for Monday, March 1, 2004, at 6:00 p.m., on referrals and invited all Aldermen to attend.

32) At this time, the Mayor recognize awards given to the Public Works Department for their first place accomplishments for the City's Infrastructure program from the APWA.

33) There being no further business to come before the meeting, same was, after a motion by Pechota, seconded by Chapman, adjourned at 9:05 p.m., by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Woodward - City Clerk